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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Wolfgang RANKL

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Serial Number Not Yet Assigned

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: January 17, 2000

For: **METHOD FOR EXCHANGING AT LEAST ONE SECRET INITIAL VALUE BETWEEN
A PROCESSING STATION AND A CHIP CARD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1; delete "or 2";

Claim 6, line 1; change "any of claims 1 to 5" to --claim 1--;

Claim 7, line 1; change "any of claims 1 to 5" to --claim 1--;

REMARKS

This amendment is made to cure improper multiple dependent claims and to reduce the filing fees. Applicant reserves all rights to the original claimed subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,
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